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GRAYS HARBOR CO.
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY
RESPONSE TO A THREAT TO PUBLIC
HEALTH

GENERAL ORDER 2021-9

**RE: EXTENSION OF SPEEDY
TRIAL TIMELINES AND
SPEEDY HEARING DEADLINES**

Pursuant to General Rule (GR) 21(a), the Presiding Judge of this court has issued multiple General Orders between March 12, 2020 and August 24, 2021 in response to the public health emergency arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Washington Supreme Court issued an Order on October 13, 2020, granting emergency authority to all Superior Courts in Washington to adopt, modify and suspend court rules and orders, and to take further actions regarding court operations as warranted, including extension of speedy trial deadlines and speedy hearing deadlines.

This Court finds that a serious danger to public health continues to exist from the current COVID-19 infection rate in Grays Harbor County and that the serious danger posed by the COVID-19 infection rate constitutes an unavoidable circumstance under CrR 3.3(e)(3).

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Based upon the court's findings as set forth in this order that COVID-19 continues to be an unavoidable circumstance under CrR 3.3(e)(3) and constitutes good cause to extend the time frame for trials, the time between the date of this order and January 31, 2022, shall be excluded when calculating time for speedy trial in adult criminal cases and speedy hearing in Juvenile Court criminal proceedings.
2. Recognizing that the public health emergency created by COVID-19 pandemic is a fluid situation that continues to change on a weekly and sometimes daily basis, the Court will continue to review emerging developments and revise or extend this order as necessary.

DATED this 16th day of September, 2021.



DAVID L. EDWARDS
PRESIDING JUDGE